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## House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 25, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Aaron Damiani, Church of the Resurrection, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we thank You for establishing the vocation of public service. On behalf of the men and women of this body, we ask for Your grace to carry out their work without partiality. May they exercise their authority with wisdom, so that our country may be governed in the way of peace.

Grant each Member of Congress a concern for a rightly ordered public life, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Strengthen the bonds of trust among the elected officials gathered here, and the ones serving throughout this great land. May honesty and goodwill define their common labor.

O God, our help in ages past, do not let our country be overcome by evil, but let us overcome evil with good. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 21, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 21, 2012 at 5:46 p.m.:

That the Senate passed H.R. 33.  
With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Armed Services:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 22, 2012.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House, The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: I am writing to inform you that I am taking a leave of absence from the House Armed Services Committee, effective immediately.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact my Chief of Staff, Ms. Tara Oursler.

Sincerely,

C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER,  
*Member of Congress.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at noon.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6575. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Horse Protection Act; Requiring Horse Industry Organizations To Assess and Enforce Minimum Penalties for Violations [Docket No.: APHIS-2011-0030] (RIN: 0579-AD43) received June 12, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6576. A letter from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Asian Longhorned Beetle; Quarantined Areas in Massachusetts, Ohio, and

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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